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UNITED STATES.

Detail of medical officer to the sanitary conference at Venice, Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon H. D. Geddings, United State Marine-Hospital Service, was appointed by the President on February 8, 1897, technical delegate on the part of the United States to participate in the sanitary conference at Venice, Italy, and to aid and advise the representative of the United States in attendance thereon.

Dr. Geddings sailed for Liverpool, en route to Venice, on February 13, 1897.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox at Port Townsend Quarantine.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., February 7, 1897.

SIR: In confirmation of my telegrams of last evening and this date reporting a case of smallpox among the suspects at Port Townsend Quarantine, and one in Tacoma, an officer of steamship *Victoria*, I have the honor to state more of the details. My telegram of the 24th ultimo, for Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson, stated that all Asiatics on steamship *Victoria* were landed at the Victoria, British Columbia, Quarantine, and ship fumigated and passed with all Europeans on board. At Port Townsend Quarantine the steerage and fore-castle were mechanically cleansed and washed down with bichloride of mercury, all persons carefully inspected, and the ship with all on board, except ship's surgeon, Acting Assistant Surgeon J. J. McKone, M. H. S., of Tacoma, Wash., passed. Dr. McKone was detained two days (January 24 to 26), and his baggage and all wearing apparel were steamed. He stated that all on board the *Victoria* were vaccinated after outbreak of disease with generally good results.

As isolation of sick man was reported complete the last ten days of